the Government in a Government Order pointing out the defects and suggesting measures as to how to effect improvements. Otherwise the Conferences would serve no useful purpose. The Village Panchayets should know before they are formed as to how they stand with regard to their financial stability, and how far they can exercise their powers. The Government have ordered that half the powers are vested in the Village Panchayets, and the other half in the Government, but, at the same time, the Government have not given any powers to them over their finances which is rather an anomaly. The District and Taluk Boards have control over the Panchayets. Since the Panchayets have no control over their finances, it would not be possible to understand what amount of work has been done by them. Full responsibility is given to the Panchayets all over the world, and it is only fair to do so according to the Local Self-Government scheme. The same responsibility should also be extended to our Panchayets. Otherwise the principle of Local Self-Government would be null and void. If this is done, there is no necessity to appoint a Commission.

Second Member of Council.—The whole question will be examined. It is a very difficult one. Your demands about grant of powers are difficult to decide. Proper hands are not available, and the Deputy Commissioner having several Departments in his charge will somehow manage. About funds and their disposal, there are difficulties. We will examine the question.

Dewan.—The question of the financial powers of the Taluk Boards, the powers of Panchayets and the relationship between the two bodies, and the provincialisation of these Taluk Board services will be examined in detail and a comprehensive order will be issued.

Messrs. Krishna Sastri and Srinivasa Rao.—Please order investment of funds at once. We cannot give out the reason here.

Dewan.—We will consider the whole question.

SUBJECT No. 67.

Prohibiting Government servants from voting at all elections.

Mr. C. Rasul Khan, Anjumane-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Mr. Rasul Khan.—Government servants also are permitted to vote during the election of President and Vice-President of Taluk or Town Municipalities. If an official begins to vote for a certain member, most of the other non-official members follow his example and vote for the same man. For instance at Chikmagalur an Assistant Commissioner persuaded Mr. Srinivasa Rao to stand for election. Five officials voted for him. A word from the officers results in such one-sided votes. This should be prohibited.

Mr. Purushottamanandagiri Goswami.—For election of members, there need be no restriction. But, for election of President or Vice-President, officials should not vote. There will be partiality.

Dewan.—The rules with regard to the election of Presidents and Vice-Presidents will be changed in view of your representation.

SUBJECT No. 68.

Withdrawal of Local Cess and *Mohatarfa* from Local Boards.

Mr. B. Srinivasaiengar and R. Subba Rao, Anekal Taluk, and Gubbiya, Anekal Municipality.

Mr. B. Srinivasaiengar.—In the Government Order passed on the Education Memorandum, it has been laid down that the local cess levied on Excise, Forest revenues and rural *mohatarfa*, and also the surplus accrued thereon shall be withdrawn from the District and Taluk Boards in addition to the levying of Education Cess. The main